

REMARKS

By the foregoing amendments, Applicant has revised claim 16 to refer to its claimed subject matter as an “evaporator and condenser unit” rather than as the “heat exchanger” on which the Examiner based a rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Accordingly, Applicant has revised the preambles of claims 17-23 to make them consistent with this change in claim 16, on which they directly or indirectly depend. Additionally, Applicant has changed claim 17’s dependency from canceled claim 15 to amended claim 16. Applicant has also canceled non-elected claims 24 and 25.

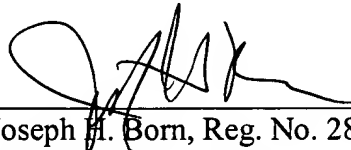
The Examiner has rejected claims 16-23 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for reciting the claimed subject matter as a “heat exchanger.” Although Applicant remains of the view that this recitation is entirely appropriate, it is also true that the recited heat exchanger mediates the exchange of heat from an evaporation chamber to a condensation chamber and therefore functions as an evaporator-and-condenser unit. So, to advance the prosecution, Applicant has changed the nomenclature in those claims. He has also moved the distiller limitation from claim 16’s body and thereby eliminated the other basis for the Examiner’s rejection of that claim.

The Examiner additionally rejected all claims provisionally for double patenting. By the accompanying terminal disclaimer, Applicants have removed the basis for that rejection.

As a result of these amendments, the claims are now in condition for allowance, and
Applicant therefore asks that the Examiner pass the application to issue at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,

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